

BUDGET INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL

Balance Between Revenue And Recurrent Spending

Estimated \$16,000,000 From Inland Revenue

English Rivers In Flood

London, Mar. 12. Rivers are rising fast and thousands of acres of low lying land are already deep in flood water after the warm weather wave had melted rapidly the snow accumulated during the recent "ice age."

The River Medway in Kent and the Avon in Wiltshire have reached their highest levels in 20 years and are still rising. After the Avon burst its banks during the night, streets in Salisbury, cathedral city of 25,000 people were flooded and the police warned householders to take their furniture to upper rooms.

Sandbags and piles of clay have been dumped in the main street ready to block up houses and shops if the water rises further.

Towns in the Thames Valley are prepared for flooding and the river is already up to road level for many miles.

At Windsor, the Thames is already three feet above normal and is expected to rise higher still when the huge volume of water sweeping down from the Cotswold hills and smaller streams reaches the lower lying land.

The Air Ministry forecast today further slight falls of snow in England.—Reuter.

U.S. Ship Hits Mine

New York, Mar. 13. The American Export Lines said its 6,597-ton freighter "Exanthia" struck a mine off the island of Plinosa, south of Leghorn, Italy, but that no casualties among the crew members were reported.

(In Genoa, however, port authorities said only six of the "Exanthia's" crew of 44 were known to have been saved.

The Italian news agency, Ansa, added that semaphore signals received from Cao Serra, on the island of Elba, disclosed that there were dead and wounded aboard the wrecked ship.)

John F. Gehan, American Export Lines' Vice-President, said he was notified that 27 members of the crew landed on Plinosa and an "indefinite number" landed on Elba.—Associated Press.

The increases in taxation already introduced and the proposals for direct taxation now to be brought before this Council, the effect of which is reflected in the revenue figures, has resulted in the attainment of a balance between revenue and recurrent expenditure. With the proposed expenditure of a non-recurrent character, we shall no longer be dependent on His Majesty's Government insofar as the future is concerned," said Mr. C.G.S. Follows, Financial Secretary, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

He was moving the first reading of the Appropriation Bill for 1947-48, covering a sum not exceeding \$109,488,433. Highlights from his speech included:—Revenue in the past year has been more buoyant than expected; the estimates provide for a surplus of \$351,317 for 1947-48; a token figure of \$16,000,000 has been inserted in respect of revenue from the Inland Revenue (Earnings & Profits) Ordinance—the so-called "Income Tax."

Other points included an initial grant of \$1,500,000 to the Municipal Government; provision for a school meals service at a cost of \$1,320,000; a token contribution of \$250,000 to the War Memorial Fund; and the ear-marking of about \$60,000,000 from loan to finance rehabilitation expenditure during 1947-48.

Moving the reading of the Bill, Mr. Follows said:—"I would in the first place express my regret that circumstances have compelled me to move the first reading of this Appropriation Bill before the actual printed Estimates are in the hands of Honourable Members. It is necessary in these matters to work to a programme as much inconvenience results if the budget is not dealt with before the beginning of the financial year to which it relates.

"When today was tentatively fixed for the first reading there was every reason to suppose that the printing of the Estimates would be completed by the end of the first week in March. As Honourable Members are aware there is no Government Printing Office and although the firm undertaking the work made valiant efforts to complete it to schedule they just failed to make up the time lost by unfortunate delays at an earlier stage. I am, however, circulating to Honourable Members a detailed explanatory Memorandum on the Estimates and hope that this may compensate to some degree for the delay in the delivery of the printed copies of the Estimates themselves. There is every hope that the latter will be in the hands of Honourable Members before the weekend.

"With this introduction I will now touch briefly on the position at the end of the present financial year before turning to the Estimates for the year which is still before us.

Original Estimates Exceeded

"As Honourable Members fully realize, a large element of guesswork necessarily entered

into the preparation of the Estimates for 1946-47. Confronted by conditions which differed vastly from those obtaining in 1941 and after a gap of 3½ years caused by the Japanese occupation, there were no standards of comparison on which tests could be based. Inevitably, therefore, the actual results of the year's working will differ considerably from those which were anticipated when the Estimates were framed.

"At that time it only seemed probable that the revenue for the year would amount to \$51,308,300. In the event, Revenue has been more buoyant than could reasonably have been foreseen after the dislocation caused by a prolonged period of enemy occupation.

"Then, in accordance with the recommendations of the Taxation Committee, various new taxes and increases in existing taxation were introduced, towards the end of 1946. These two factors together have resulted in the original revenue figure greatly exceeded and it is anticipated that the final figure will be approximately \$78,000,000.

"The approved estimate of recurrent expenditure for 1946-47 was \$90,077,129 with special expenditure and Public Works Extraordinary amounting to an additional \$77,771,447. This made a total of \$167,854,567 and the anticipated deficit was thus \$10,546,276.

Total Spending

"In actual fact, there have been considerable savings in a number of directions, particularly in regard to special expenditure as owing to delays in manufacture new equipment ordered has not been delivered during the financial year. It is not possible to give an accurate total expenditure figure as information on which this could be based is only available in relation to local expenditure.

"A great deal of expenditure is taking place in London for the purchase of new equipment and detailed accounts are very much in arrears. It will be appreciated that the settlement by the Crown Agents of a large claim of which this Government has no knowledge, or the delivery, say, of new rolling stock for the railway, to the value of several million dollars, would completely upset any estimate of actual expenditure which may be attempted and I am afraid, therefore, that I cannot go further at the moment than to say that the total expenditure up to the 31st March is unlikely to exceed \$90,000,000 for recurrent and \$40,000,000 for Special Expenditure.

"These figures may be a good deal lower if expenditure in London during the last few months has been below the anticipated figure. However, assuming that the above figures represent the approximate position the deficit on the year's working should be in the region of \$12,000,000.

"Without this sum, the revenue would have been between \$8 and \$4 million, which would not have been sufficient to balance our recurrent expenditure.

"I should like at this point

Bligh Of "Bounty" Controversy

London, Mar. 12. The controversy over Captain William Bligh, whose turbulent career in the Royal Navy was highlighted by the mutiny of the "Bounty" in the 18th Century, continued today, 130 years after his death.

The newest chapter in the Bligh legend was started when a New South Wales agent in London, J. M. Tully, wrote the Sydney (Australia) City Council and said Bligh's tomb in Lambeth churchyard had been damaged by bomb blast and appeared forlorn and forgotten.

Sydney suggested that Bligh's tomb and all be removed to Australia, where he had served as Governor-General and precipitated another mutiny.

The Rector of Lambeth, the Rev. Henry Henley, told Sydney to keep his hands off Bligh's remains.

"I would have thought that before these people did anything they would have got in touch with this end," he said. "The Sydney case is a bit grave, that would be very bad for removing the tomb and its contents to Australia."

OTHER WINSTON DEAD

Winter Park, Florida, Mar. 13. American author Winston Churchill died here today at the age of 76.

(Mr. Churchill is no kin to the former British Prime Minister though having the same name.)

Graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1894, he changed to a writing career and wrote his most successful book, "The Crisis," in 1900. He was writing a new book when he was stricken with a heart attack and died instantly.

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Tanker Breaks In Two

Honolulu, Mar. 13. A tanker, the "Fort Dearborn," bound from San Francisco to Shanghai with 100,000 barrels of Diesel oil, sent out an SOS today, saying she had broken in two approximately 800 miles northwest of Honolulu.

Six ships and a navy search plane were despatched to the rescue of the ship with 43 men aboard.

A general message was sent to all ships within a 500 mile radius of the "Fort Dearborn" to converge at the scene.

The U.S. "Twinhoon" is reported to be within 196 miles of the "Dearborn" and should reach the stricken ship first.

At least five other ships said they were proceeding to the scene from greater distances. These included the freighter "Bold Eagle," which relayed the "Dearborn's" distress call to "Globe Wireless."

The "Dearborn" was the thirteenth ship built at Henry Kaiser shipyard in Portland, Oregon. Her cargo was loaded by the Associated Oil Company for navy delivery.—Associated Press.

Halves Sighted

Honolulu, Mar. 13. A Navy search plane today sighted both halves of the "Fort Dearborn."

The bow section appeared to be sinking but the stern section is riding well in the heavy seas with many or all of the crew of 42 clustered in that section. No survivors were seen on the bow or in the water.—United Press.

Ta Kung Pao Suspended

Nanking, Mar. 13.

One of Nanking's leading morning papers, the Ta Kung Pao, has been ordered by the Chinese Government to suspend publication indefinitely on grounds that one month ago it published an "incorrect" contributed article.

In revealing this, a representative of the paper said that the article formed only the pretext for the order to close, adding: "Behind this is the more important fact that some people in the Government want to gain a greater control over publication of the paper."

Other sources interpreted the suspension as a manifestation of the conflict which is alleged to be developing between the "C.C. clique"—extreme Right-wingers—and the Political Science Group—Liberals—of the Kuomintang.

According to a member of the Ta Kung Pao, the suspension order came from the highest Government authorities and takes effect tomorrow.

The offending article stated that a worker in the Finance Ministry committed suicide because of the small pay he received, and the difficult conditions under which Government officials must live. This article later proved incorrect and the Government charged the newspaper with irresponsibility, the staff member added.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

A ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the Sea of Japan across the Eastern Sea along the S. China coast. A small depression is moving ENE across the northern part of the Yellow Sea, and the pressure is moderately low over Western China.

Today's Forecast—Moderate, E & NE winds, partly cloudy, mild.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 68.8 deg. F. Minimum: 57.4 deg. F. Sunshines: 11 hours.

Reading at 10 a.m.: 60.1 deg. F. Barometer: 30.01 in. 10.00 in. 10.00 in. 10.00 in.

Wind: 10-12 m.p.h. 10-12 m.p.h. 10-12 m.p.h. 10-12 m.p.h.

Clouds: 50-60% 50-60% 50-60% 50-60%

Humidity: 70-75% 70-75% 70-75% 70-75%

Temperature: 60-65° 60-65° 60-65° 60-65°

SOVIET CANCER CLAIM

Moscow, Mar. 12.

The "Soviet" today reported that Marshal Stalin had called two Soviet scientists, Kurnin and Rostkin, to abandon all routine projects and devote themselves entirely to cancer research.

The "Soviet" added that the two scientists had discovered a new substance "deadly to cancer" growth and "yet entirely harmless to the patient."—Reuter.

SHARP WARNING TO RUSSIA

Washington, Mar. 12.

President Truman today warned the Soviet Union that the United States "cannot allow" Russia to force changes in the present political division of the world by coercion and Communist infiltration.

He asked Congress to give political guarantee of their freedom and integrity to Turkey and Greece in face of Soviet pressure and to authorize the expenditure of \$400,000,000 to back the warning and guarantee in aiding those countries.

Although the Soviet Union was never mentioned by President Truman by name, this was how both Congressional and official circles interpreted the solemn speech which he delivered to a rarely convened joint assembly of both Houses of Congress in an atmosphere of tense diplomatic crisis, heightened by Russia's recent recall of her ambassadors to London, Washington and Paris.

Observers here recalled the warnings which President Roosevelt addressed to Hitler before the outbreak of World War Two.

President Truman said that the same issues were at stake as in the war with Germany and Japan and he appeared to be placing the methods used by Soviet foreign policy in its neighbouring countries in the same category as those used by Germany and Japan. Similar language was used by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill in denouncing the Soviet aggressive policy during the Russian-Finnish war of 1939-40.

But what gave President Truman's words special significance to his Congressional listeners today was that this time the President of the United States was not merely commenting but was asking Congress to take "immediate and resolute" legislative action to block Russia's aggressive and expanding foreign policy in a specific part of the world.

Momentous

Moreover, the legislators had been made fully aware in private meetings between President Truman and Congressional leaders that they were not only being asked to back his words with hard cash to the tune of \$400,000,000 but were faced with the momentous political commitment of guaranteeing the freedom and integrity of both Middle Eastern and European countries.

Bilateral alliances and automatic guarantees of joint military action were to be established.—United Press.

10-YEAR LIMIT ON PRESIDENTS

Washington, Mar. 13.

The Senate, sitting in a night session last night, approved a constitutional amendment limiting future presidents to no more than 10 years in the White House, including only two full four-year elected terms in office.

Thirteen Democrats joined 40 Republicans to vote in favor of the amendment, while 23 Democrats but no Republicans voted against, thus giving the amendment 18 more than the required two-thirds.—United Press.

EXPLOSION ON MOTORSHIP

Genda, Mar. 13.

Two heavy explosions aboard the American motorship Edmund Farina at her dock here today were reported to have killed one man and injured ten. The crew of 60 left the ship in flames.

The bow of the vessel was badly damaged.

No immediate report on the cause of the blasts is available.—Associated Press.

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Traffic Accident On Ferry

An unusual traffic accident, in which a sailor on board the vehicular ferry "Man Young" was knocked out by a car led to a sequel when Sajawal Khan, the driver, was fined \$250 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada in Central yesterday for driving without due care and caution.

A second charge, of causing bodily harm, was withdrawn by the Police, S. I. Hidden prosecuted, while the driver was defended by Mr. A. el Arculli.

Lee Pui, sailor, said that as the ferry approached the wharf he was standing at the stern, waiting to get a line ashore, when he was knocked unconscious by a car. As a result of an injury to his knee, he had not been able to resume work. Sajawal Khan said that he had been driving a car for 20 years. He started up the engine of the car as the ferry approached the wharf; it had no hand-brake and he did not realize it was in gear.

Mr. Arculli submitted Khan had no case to answer, as he was not actually driving the car in the full sense of the term. The Magistrate disagreed, saying that, once the engine was put into motion and defendant put his hand on gear-lever or wheel it was sufficient evidence of driving.

"Unfortunately, I have to take a serious view of the case," went Mr. Worship, "but will give the first accused the option of a fine of \$150 or six weeks' hard labour. His mother will also have to sign a bond for \$500 for his good behaviour for 12 months."

The \$500, found on Young and Li, was, on the application of Mr. Clifford, ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

Warning To Medical Practitioners

The Medical Board of Hong Kong are desirous of drawing the attention of all registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong that instances have come to their notice recently in which certificates, notifications, reports, etc., which registered medical practitioners are bound by law to give, or may be, from time to time, called upon or requested to give, have been wrongly issued.

The Medical Board are also desirous of warning registered medical practitioners that any such practitioner who shall be shown to have signed or given under his name and authority any such certificate, notification, report, or document of kindred character, which is untrue, misleading, or improper, is liable to have his name erased from the Medical Register.

Chen On Kwan, 33, 140, Connaught Road Central was found guilty by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, at Central yesterday of trying to export without license 16 cases of paper, 2 cases of half comb, 5 cases of Scott's Emulsion, 4 cases of soap, 2 sacks of Chinese medicine, and 6 sacks of soda.

Set Without Licence

Li Ting-yuk was fined \$2,000 on four months' hard labour, and Yu Chek-ting \$250 or one month's imprisonment, when they were convicted by Mr. Latimer yesterday on charge of possession of a radio-communication set without license and operating the set at 20 Hillwood Road, first floor, on March 11.

According to the prosecution, the set was used for the transmission and receiving of commercial messages to and from Canton and Fuchow.

In another case, So Yuk-han, female, was fined \$1,000 for similar offences, at 67 Fuk Wai Street, second floor, on March 12. Both sets were ordered to be confiscated to the Postmaster General.

Eastern Cargo Delays

Road and rail traffic dislocation due to the severe weather has resulted in considerable quantities of cargo for the Far East arriving at the London Docks too late for the ships which were to carry it abroad, according to advice received by Hong Kong importers.

In one instance, 30 railway wagon-loads arrived a week after the ship had sailed.

Shortage of labour at the docks at Home has further curtailed loading. Stevedoring companies have been hard pressed in their endeavours to avoid split consignments.

The main object of Income Tax is to collect those who can afford it but there are many loopholes. Stamp tax will get everyone, is almost foolproof and something can be calculated on when negotiating any business.

Transfer Deeds covering shares continually pass hands on blank transfers and providing the script is in a name considered reliable, the shares are not transferred but used as a trading counter. By imposing stamp tax on each transaction Government will be as much the richer.

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Unless our Unchecked representations in the Legislative Council

JAPANESE ACCOUNT OF WONGNEICHONG BATTLE

An artillery battery stationed north of the Happy Valley Race Course inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese forces attacking the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area between Dec. 19 and 21, 1941, it was revealed yesterday at No. 5 War Crimes Court, when the trial of Major-General Shoji Toshishige, on charge of being concerned in the ill-treatment of prisoners taken in the area, continued yesterday.

Shoji's account of the operations of his unit was read into the Court records. He revealed that on the evening of Dec. 20 he had already sustained 800 casualties and had to inform his liaison office from Japanese H.Q. of the fact when ordered to prepare an attack on Leighton Hill.

The Shoji account also revealed the fact that Japanese Divisional H.Q. on Dec. 20 lost contact with one of the three regiments taking part in the attack and had been informed that another (Shoji's regiment) was annihilated, while the third reported such heavy opposition both from artillery and British troops that it had been unable to get through to its objective.

In a second sworn statement read into the Court records, Shoji claimed that his unit had only taken about 37 prisoners at Wong-Nei-Chong Gap, and that he had supervised their departure to Divisional H.Q., informing them personally that he had ordered them that there should be no ill-treatment. These were men taken at the storming of Canadian H.Q. and of one fox-hole; he claimed that his unit had taken no other prisoners.

The Court visited, in the course of yesterday afternoon, the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area, accompanied by a number of prosecution witnesses and by accused and another Japanese officer.

The first witness called yesterday was Ian Phillip Tanworth, who said that he was a Lieutenant in the H.K.V.D.C. on December 19. At 4 a.m. on Dec. 19, he had joined a Royal Scots unit at Mt. Parish under command of Capt. Pinkerton.

At 4 a.m. the same day he took part in an attack on the Wong-Nei-Chong area which was repulsed by the enemy. About 9 o'clock that night the unit launched a second attack in the course of which he was separated from the rest of the troops and made his way to a shelter at the top of Gap Road.

There who came out were kept in the road until about 5 p.m. when they were divided into two groups, one of men who were not wounded and the other of walking wounded who had to be helped along. A number of men were detailed to this second group to help the walking wounded.

They were then led by Stanley Gap Road, toward Tytan. As soon as the party was out of sight of the place where they had been captured, the escort guard proceeded to beat up the prisoners and strip them of everything. They were marched about 1½ miles toward Tytan and were then stopped and led off the road into a valley. At this point a new guard took over.

During the fighting at Wong-Nei-Chong Gap, I was still out of touch and the firing soon ceased, the Indian Troops retreating.

On arrival at Wong-Nei-Chong Gap, we were subjected to a heavy fire from an artillery battery stationed north of the Happy Valley Race Course. This fire went on intermittently from about 0815 hours on the 19th to the morning of the 21st. We sustained severe losses from this barrage.

At 2400 hours (Dec. 19), I returned and reported that he had contacted the 228th left flank commander, whose troops were then resting and taking food, and that they would advance immediately after, no time was given, for which I scolded him.

It also reported that the main body of the 228th had met such heavy opposition both from artillery and an attack by British troops that he had been unable to get through to Wong-Nei-Chong Gap.

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The Prosecuting Officer, Major G. B. Pudlicombe, KC, then read into the records two statements made by Shoji under oath.

Describing the operations of his unit in an unsworn statement, Shoji had said:

"The 30th Regiment completed landing operations at about 2400 hours, Dec. 18th. I landed at a point about 600 yards east of North Point where I remained for about 30 minutes. The Div. H.Q. was to be established in the vicinity of the Tallow Docks. On arrival, a party for reconnaissance purpose under a Lt. Uno was sent ahead.

"I proceeded south to the North Point Reservoir, arriving at about 0100 hours, Dec. 19th. At this point I was out of touch with other units and owing to a heavy barrage passing overhead from the direction of Victoria Peak and Stanley, was compelled to advance and moving off at about 0240 hours, went south towards Wong-Nei-Chong Gap.

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At about 0300 hours, we came up with the remnants of the reconsilassance party, who informed us that Lt. Uno was dead and that the pill boxes ahead were manned by Indian troops. It was then decided that a detour would have to be made, the main force passing to the right of the pill boxes, and No. 2 Battalion to go to the left and clear out the pill boxes round Jardine's Lockout and then to make a rendezvous at the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap. This operation was successfully carried out, commencing at 0600 hours on the 21st Dec. 1941 and Dec. 21 respectively.

"Prior to the opening of the campaign, orders were issued to me and repeated by me to my officers that all prisoners were to be handed over in the intelligence Bases at H.Q. and W.N.C. or be informed of prisoners taken before they were handed over, and cautioned my officers in respect to prisoners that they must respect International Law.

When the prisoners were marched off they were bound in their trouser belts were bound and they had to hold their heads down as they walked along the roads to the intelligence H.Q. captured by the Chinese.

Bills Read In Council

Legislative Council yesterday passed the following Bills passed their first reading:

(a) An Ordinance to amend further the Telecommunication Ordinance, 1938.

(b) The Suppression of Robbery Ordinance, 1947.

Passing the second and third reading without amendment was the Ordinance amending the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance, 1932.

The second and third reading of the Bill imposing a Tax on payment for services of dancing partners and a Tax on food sold and "consumed" in public dance-halls, was deferred.

The Order for amendment of Court Fee under Ballif's Expenses from \$1.00 to \$4.00, was approved by Council.

Also receiving the approval of Council was a motion by the Hon. Attorney General for payment of ex gratia pensions to members of the Public Service of the Colony and to officers and dependents of Police officers.

COMING EVENTS

March 14—Ch. of Commerce committee meeting on Income Tax.

March 14—5.30 p.m. China Coast N. and E. Officers' Guild, farewell to Mr. J. Watson.

March 15—Races: Third Extra Meeting.

March 15—HKPC Dinner.

March 18—3.30 p.m. Wedding: Kots-will-Van Bergen.

March 21—7.30 p.m. HKRNR informal Mass Night.

March 22—3.30 p.m. Bank of East Asia, general meeting.

March 22—Races: Fourth Extra Meeting.

March 23—1.30 a.m. Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. annual meeting.

March 28—Chinese Estates Ltd., shareholders meeting, noon.

H.K.V.D.C. ORDERS

Orders by Lt.-Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, OBE, ED, commanding H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 7/47 dated 18th March, 1947.

Duties:—Captain J. Weston, G.M., the Devonshire Regiment, assumed the appointment of Adjutant; H.K.V.D.C., W.C. 1st March, 1947; Vice Captain A. R. G. Morrison, 2 G.R.

Part 2 Orders No. 7/47—1.

Arrival: Pte. Barron J. F. (4 Dec. 46); 2. Strength-Decrees; 480 Pte. Yvanoff V.A. No. 60; 4. Pte. (4 Mar. 46); 5. 3030 Pte. Way No. 3 Coy. (4 Mar.).

CHILD SHOT

A four-year-old child, Li Wang-wah, was wounded in the left arm last night when an armed bandit, who was being pursued by fokis of the Cheung Yuk Kee Goldsmith Shop of No. 107 Johnston Road, opened fire on his pursuers.

The bandit, who had succeeded in obtaining two gold rings valued at about \$100 each, the shop, succeeded in eluding his pursuers and escaped.

BANK DIVIDEND

At the Stockholders Meeting on 26th March, the Chartered Bank Directors will recommend a final dividend at the rate of 5% per annum subject to Income Tax, making ten per cent for year.

WIVES' LIST

The following names have been added to the wives' priority list:—22A—Anne Niblock; 821—Ethel Mary Davis.

toon of the 3rd Bn., 230th Regt.

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Orders To Guards

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Money Mart

WOMEN & JURY SERVICE
Meetings To Be
Called

Gold was steady yesterday, with fluctuations ranging between \$200 and \$274 a tael. Opening and closing quotations were \$272.50 and \$273.50 respectively.

Plumbers fluctuated between \$10.35 and \$10.82 per 100; opening and closing quotations were \$10.30 and \$10.60 respectively.

Chinese National Currency was stationary at 36 cents, for futures and 47 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars were stronger at \$4.07. Sterling and Australian pounds were quoted at \$14.35 and \$12.53 respectively, buyers

COOK AWAY FROM SHIP

In the Marine Court yesterday, before Comdr. Ryder, John Kerr, 21, second cook of the ss "Kingland," was fined 34 days' pay for absenting himself from his ship without leave from March 9 to 11.

The master of the ship, Capt. J. M. Robertson, who appeared in Court as complainant, said Kerr left because he could not get on with the chief cook, lodged a complaint with the Shipping Master, and refused to return to the ship.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: Duncan M. Roberts, Dr. N. A. Jepson, W. G. Graham, J. A. Bond, S. V. Stachurski, Ch. Wohler, O. Laperal, Leo Forbes and Joseph Turner.

Peninsula Hotel departures: Major E. N. Rutherford, Mrs. Betty Hall, J. Taylor, Henry Bayliss, H. B. Gillow, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Tu, L. H. Dops, G. L. Lim, G. F. Cross and G. Lambert.

The case of Tse Ching, who is charged with murder, was adjourned yesterday by Mr. Justice Williams to the March-Sessions. Hearing was originally fixed for the February-Sessions.

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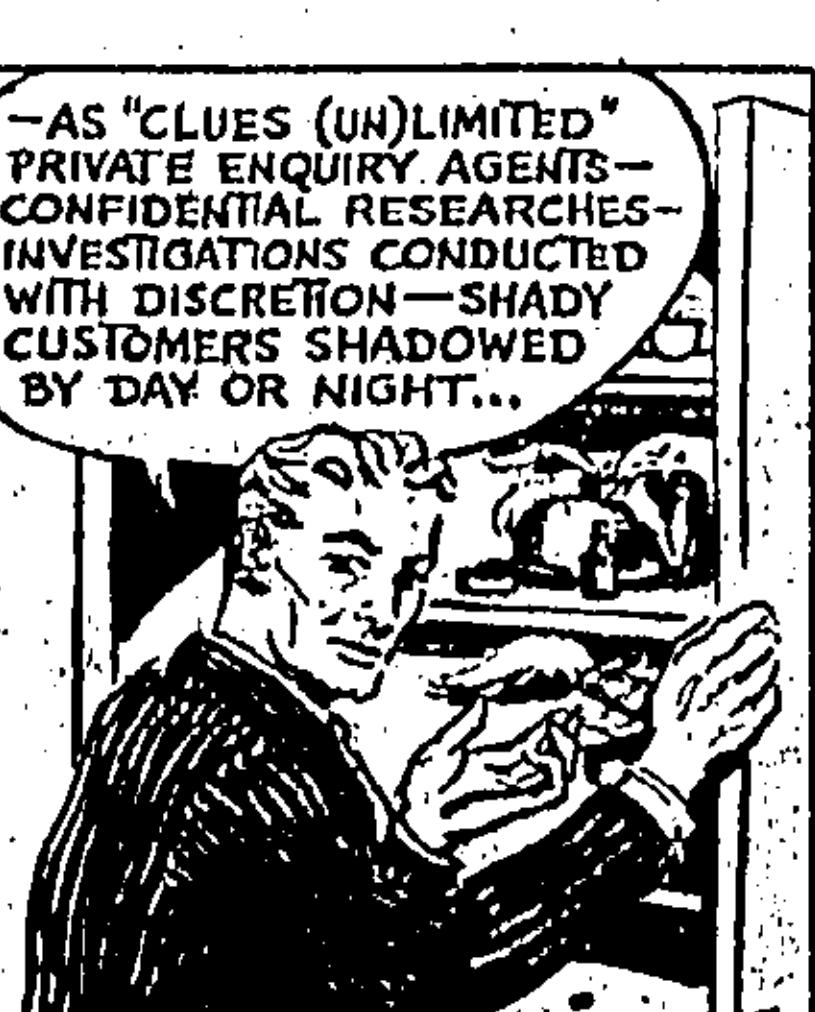
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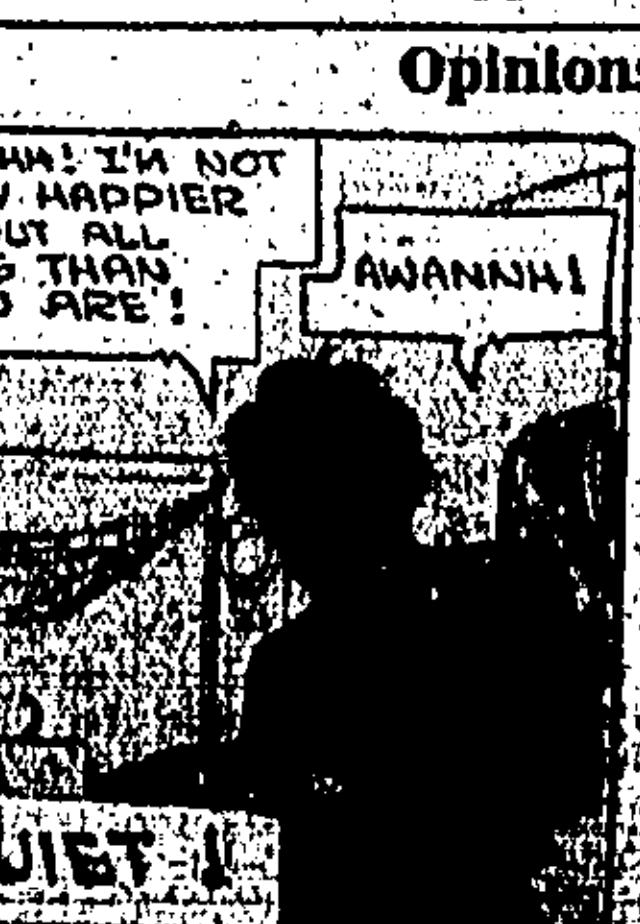
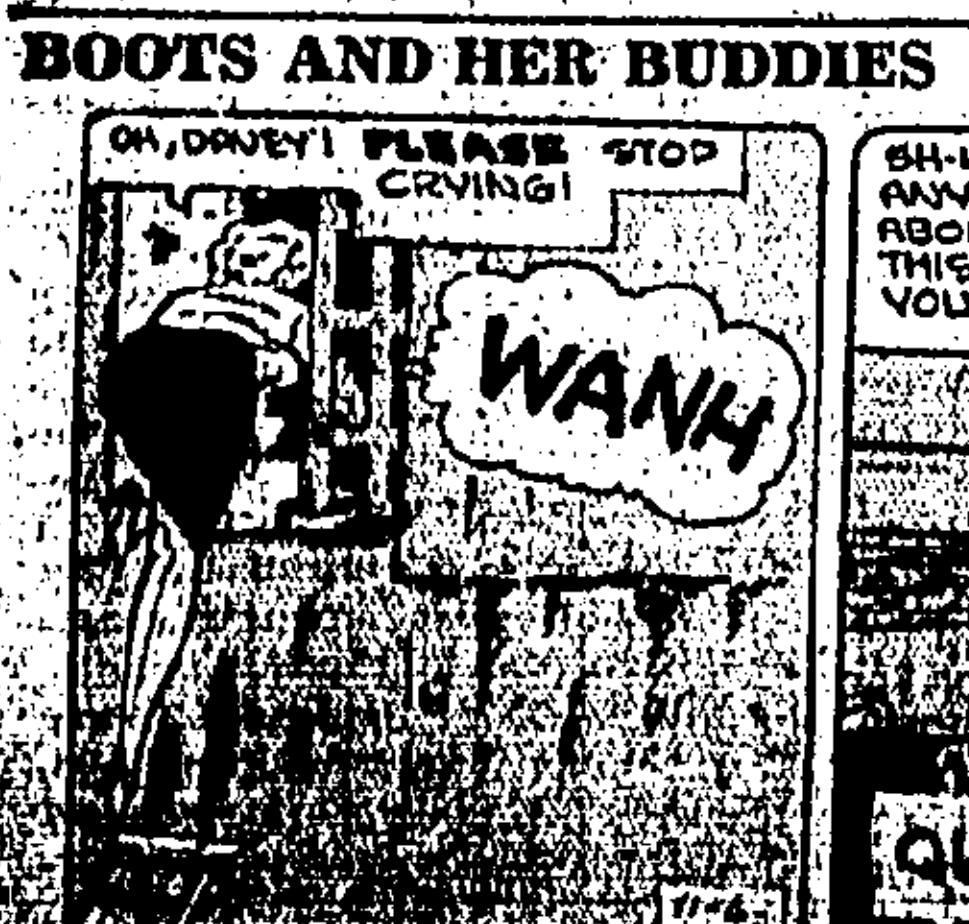
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IN THE GOODS of Thomas Ernest Pearce late of John D. Hutchinson & Co., King's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Merchant, deceased:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 31st day of March 1947.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 4th day of March 1947.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 17th day of March, 1947, at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Open Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3501	Shun Ning Road between Pratas Street and Prahas Street	As per sale plan	23,100 (42,000) ¹	\$636	\$11,650

Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer in cash the sum of \$6,030.00.

V. KENNIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 28th February, 1947.

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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3502	Shun Ning Road between Pratas and Camp Street	As per sale plan	42,000 (42,000)	\$1,182	\$64,350

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V. KENNIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 28th February, 1947.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 23rd day of March, 1947, at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

By Order of the Board.

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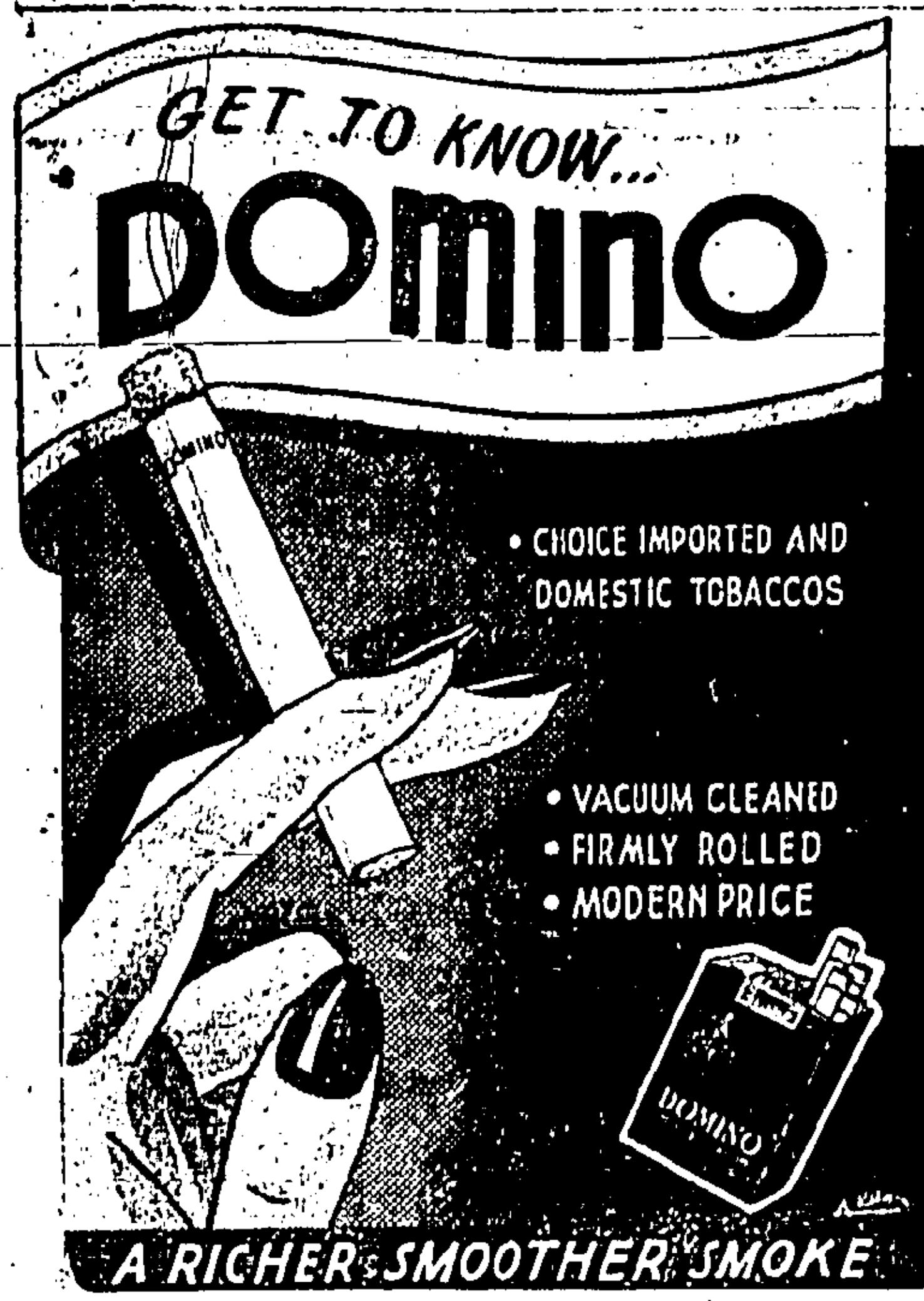
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GOVT. WINS CONFIDENCE VOTE Mr. Churchill On Top Of His Form No Coalition, Says Mr. Greenwood

London, Mar. 12. The Labour Government tonight weathered an overwhelming margin its most severe Parliamentary attack, defeating Mr. Winston Churchill's motion of no confidence by 374 votes to 198.

At the end of three days' debating, the House adopted the Government's White Paper plans for dealing with Britain's direst economic crisis since the industrial revolution. The vote was taken immediately after Mr. Churchill's manoeuvre had been defeated 371-204.

Honolulu, Mar. 12. Pearl Harbour and other installations here would be wiped out if an enemy air force struck today, wrote a military reporter in today's Honolulu "Advertiser."

Just back from viewing the Army and Navy war games, the reporter said Hawaii's defences are weaker than they were when a Japanese carrier plane force struck on December 7th, 1941.

He said Army, Navy and Marine officers who requested that their names not be used told him that the islands have insufficient equipment and men to build a strong attack.

The entire fighter plane strength in Hawaii Islands today is less than 75, of which 30 are outmoded P-47s of the Seventh Air Force. The rest are Navy and Marine fighters, many of them not equipped with radar for nightfighting, he wrote.

The military reporter said the total number of bombers is less than 30. The Seventh AAF has no bombers except B-17s equipped only for rescue operations. No arm field is set up to handle B-29s.

He said the ground defences include less than ten major radar installations and half of them do not normally operate because of the lack of trained personnel. Two anti-aircraft battalions function but one searchlight outfit is inoperative. —United Press.

Acrimonious Debate

The double division came at the end of a day of acrimonious debate highlighted by Mr. W. Churchill's castigation of the Government with his best invective, at the top of his wartime oratorical form.

Mr. Churchill said that aid stocks, contrary to statements by Sir Stafford Cripps, were higher in the winter of 1944 than they were in 1939, but charged that in April 1946 they were down to less than 7,000,000 tons when a "little ordinary foresight and a little planning" were necessary.

He said Britain had 460,000 more civil servants than before the war, at a cost of £60,000,000 a year.

"Wormwood Scrubs" "The Socialist ideal is to reduce us to one vast Wormwood Scrubs," he said. "Of course it is true that at Wormwood Scrubs there is one official to

oversee the miners, railway workers and other transport workers have responded with such superhuman efforts to an appeal by Mr. Churchill in peacetime, Mr. Greenwood asked. The answer was "No."

Mr. Churchill's history was not such that the common people of Britain would have trusted him in peacetime, he said.

Referring to Mr. Churchill's charge of class warfare, Mr. Greenwood said that the Conservatives had started it.

"They mean as far as they can to prevent our programme being put on the Statute Book.

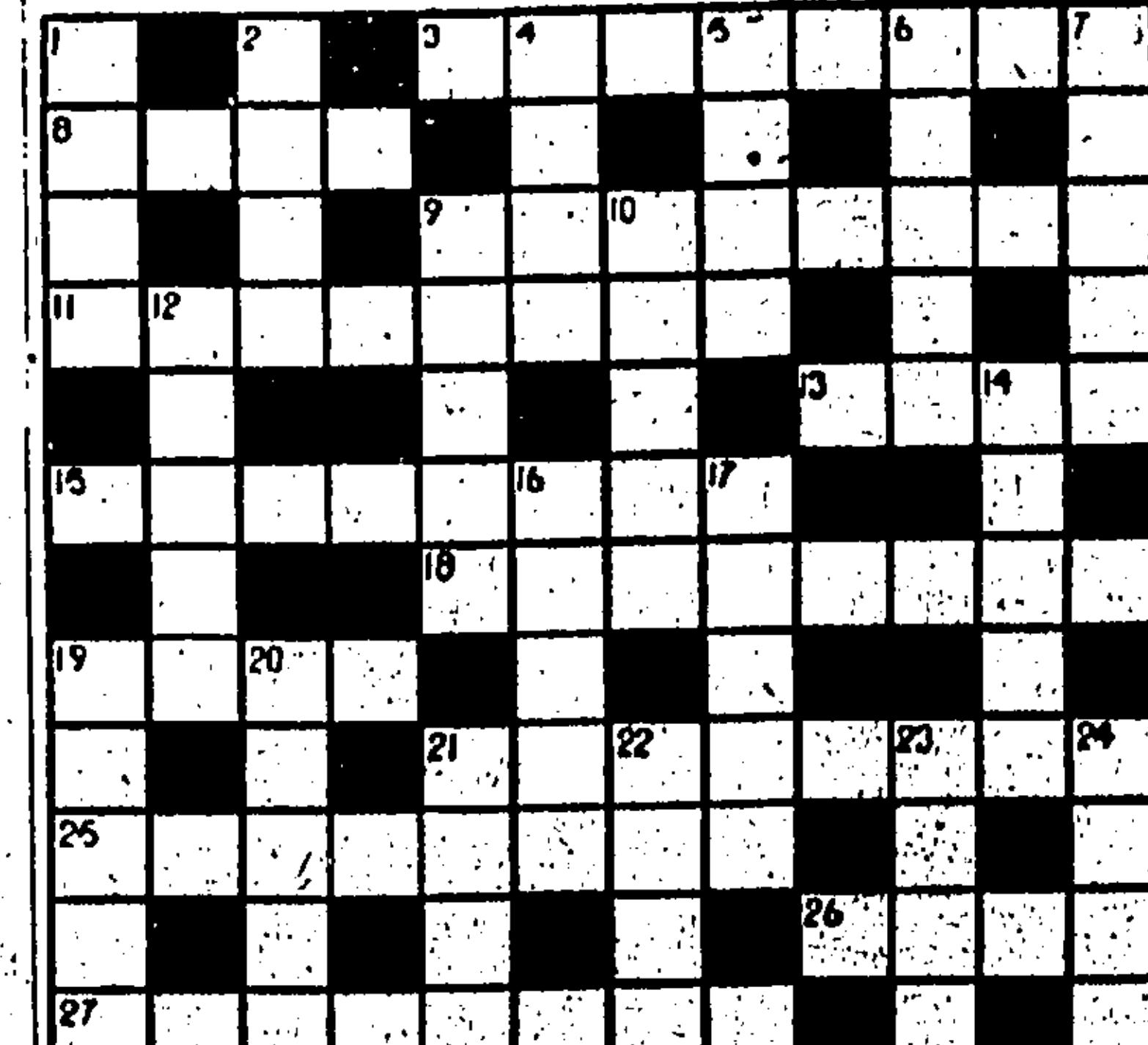
I assure them they are not going to do it. The Labour Party stands solid. We shall play the Parliamentary game fair. We shall not be deflected from our purpose," Mr. Greenwood said. —Reuter.

Two Convictions

"I have two convictions in my heart:— One is that somehow or other we shall survive, although for a time on a lower level than hitherto. The second is that things are going to get worse before they get better."

Churchill continued for several minutes after Mr. Churchill sat down. The war leader spoke for about an hour and 20 minutes to one of the most crowded houses in several weeks. At first there were supporting and Opposition jeers

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 3. Cramming, from liquor.
- 8. Raucous.
- 9. Complete.
- 11. Assess.
- 13. Not fit to eat.
- 16. Abstaining.
- 17. Portrayed.
- 20. Lipstick, for example.
- 21. Meditative.
- 22. Walked feebly.
- 23. Brawl.
- 24. Lipstick.
- 25. Accustom.
- 26. Harvest.
- 27. Course.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1. Allies; 4. Brawl; 6. Particle; 8. Elite; 9. Larder; 11. Erected; 12. Repulse; 13. Sudden; 15. Lurk; 16. Simulate; 19. Heron; 21. Shred.
- DOWN:—1. Appel; 2. Acted; 3. Secrecy; 4. Breeze; 5. Admitted; 6. Legend; 10. Reporter; 12. Resumes; 13. Rail; 14. Lesson; 15. Nylon; 17. Yield.

Clues Down

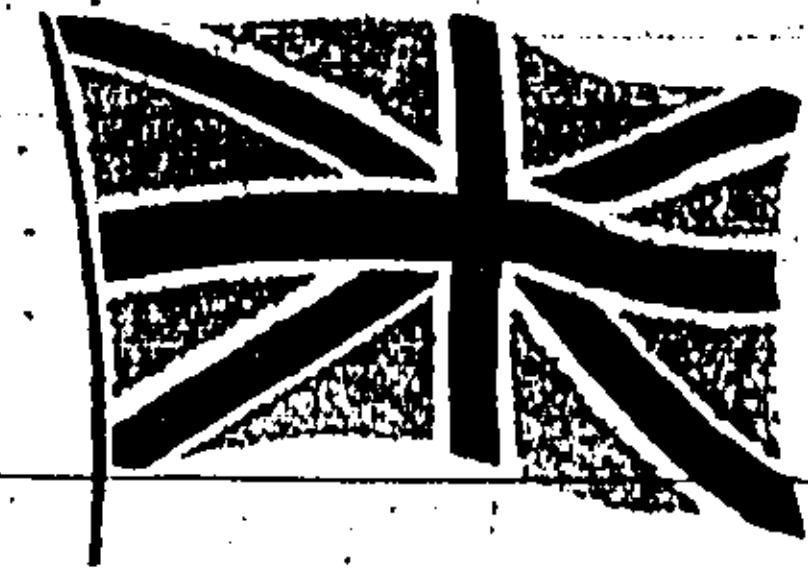
- 1. Merriment.
- 2. Short and sharp.
- 4. Musical instrument.
- 5. Mass of float-30.
- 6. Accustom.
- 7. Harvest.
- 8. Course.
- 12. Muscle.
- 14. Conscious of.
- 15. Headress.
- 17. Moral.
- 18. Impaled.
- 19. Insertion.
- 21. Valley.
- 22. Tube.
- 23. Tight.
- 24. Profound.

London, Mar. 13.

The Australian High Commissioner's office said today that an official announcement will be made in Canberra "in a few days" on negotiations to charter the 44,786-ton liner "Aquitania," to carry British immigrants to the Dominion.

"Upwards of 200,000 Britons have registered for new homes in Australia in a special plan to go into operation on March 31," the spokesman said.

A contingent of about 400 building workers already has made the journey. —Associated Press.



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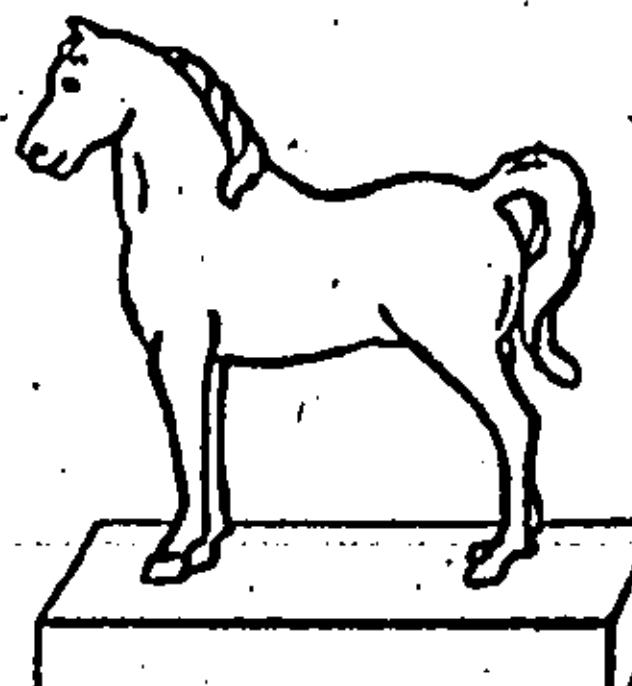
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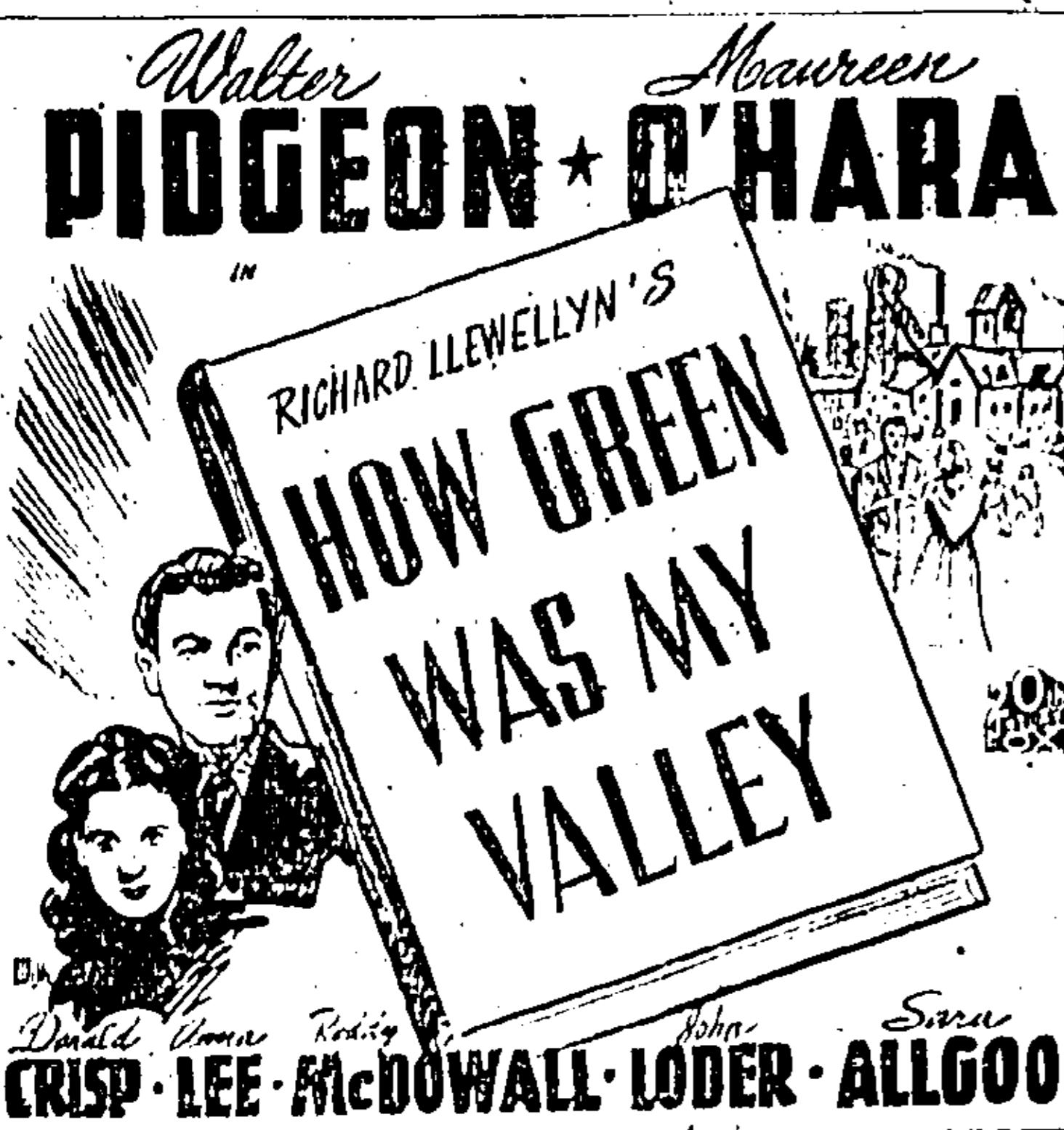
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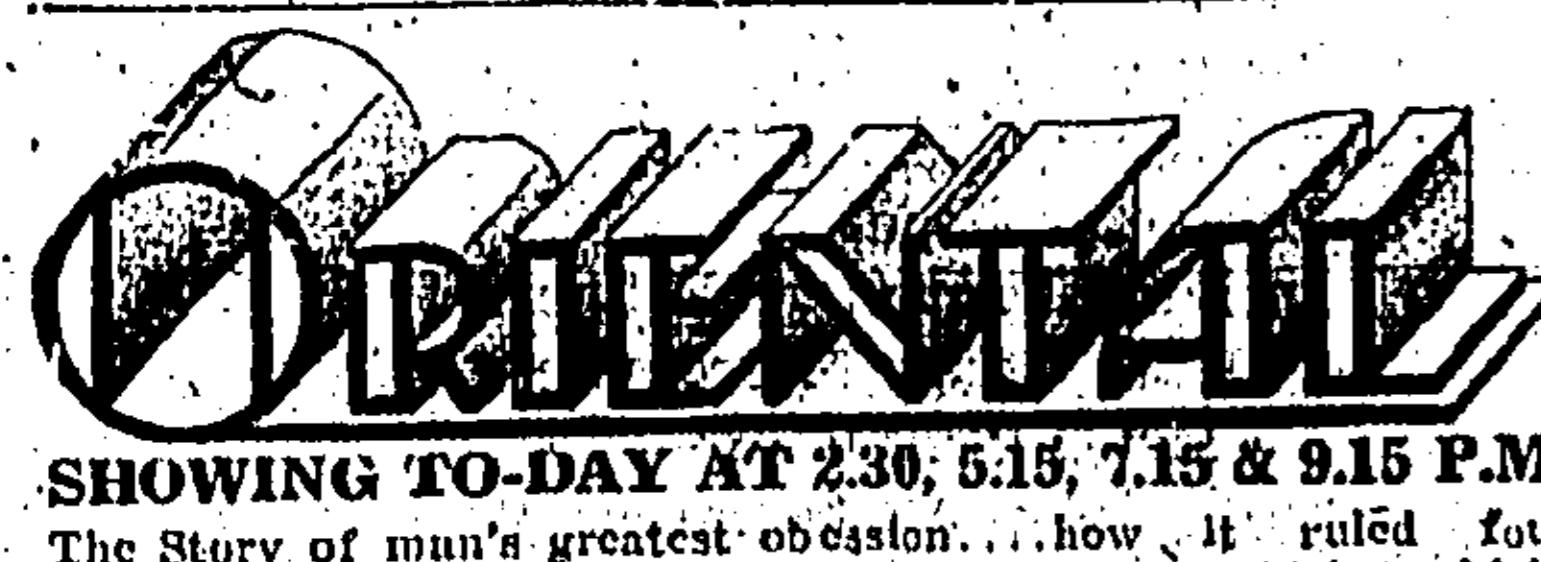


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NEXT CHANGE: "PINOCCHIO"

RUSSIA HUNTS FOR SECRET OF COSMIC DEATH RAYS

Moscow Recalls Envoys

London, Mar. 13. Russian diplomatic sources disclose that Georgi Zarubin, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, left suddenly for Moscow early today.

They say the ambassador's return to Moscow is "for consultations in connection with the Foreign Ministers' conference."

He left London by train.

The Russian Embassy in Washington advised the United States Department yesterday that the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, Nikolai V. Novikov, would leave on Thursday for Moscow.

Russian sources in London said Zarubin, who assumed the ambassadorship in January, is "no particular expert" on German-Austrian affairs, subjects of the Big Four talks in Moscow. Therefore, they said, it could be assumed his consultations with Molotov would be "strictly routine."

They said the British Government was informed of Zarubin's intention to leave.—Associated Press.

The Soviet Union has cracked the secret of controlling atomic energy, manufactured its own atomic bombs and is now concentrating its research on the international race for control of an even deadlier weapon—cosmic death rays. These allegations are contained in an article published by the "De Volksrant," organ of the powerful Netherlands National Catholic Party and leading Dutch Conservative newspaper.

An independent investigation among the best informed sources available in Europe has substantiated in most particulars this story, which also alleges:

Firstly, that Soviet scientists have constructed atomic bombs four times heavier than the bombs the Americans dropped at Bikini, although not necessarily any deadlier.

Secondly, through exploration learned of the mistakes made by the Americans in their pioneering work at Oak Ridge. Tennessee, bomb experiments are now focused entirely on splitting the protactinium atom instead of the uranium isotope.

Thirdly, their top secret atomic energy plant is located in the Lake Baikal area of Eastern Siberia, in the midst of the central Mongolian desert;

Fourthly, thousands of German nuclear scientists and other scientists, forced as paid slave labour to serve the Kremlin, are employed on their atomic project, which is said to dwarf the American atomic plant at Oak Ridge.

Fifthly, last April 300 persons were killed at Atomgrad, closely guarded centre of research on the northern shore of Lake Baikal, when an accidental chain reactor released deadly radioactive rays, which penetrated steel and concrete and, even "underground

water tanks, sent a thousand people fleeing in panic.

Cosmic Rays

Sixthly, even more closely guarded secret than their atomic energy experiments is the Soviet research into radioactive possibilities of the powerful and mysterious cosmic rays going on at the research centre in the Pamir area of central Asia and in the high Himalayan mountains.

Exports consulted on the "De Volksrant" story noted what they called the minor errors of fact in the known knowledge of Soviet atomic and cosmic ray experimentation. They verified, however, that in its essentials and most of details, the story was accurate, with one exception, the point as to whether the Soviet have actually manufactured a bomb.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Mar. 12.

Qualified informants say that Turkey must have American financial aid if she is to keep

her army of nearly 1,000,000 men fully mobilized as a barrier

against any possible Russian encroachment.

Turkey has been in full

mobilization status for seven years. More than 60 per cent of

her national income goes toward

the maintenance of the army.

Most of the army guards the

Turkish-Russian border, east of

the Black Sea, and the Turkish-

Bulgarian frontier.

The Turks say the cost is se-

heavy and such a drain upon

the nation's fiscal resources

that her whole economic struc-

ture is in jeopardy.

The Turkish army admittedly

is not well equipped.

One Government spokesman

commented: "A weak Turkey

could only invite trouble. It

would be more forsighted and

much less costly in the long

run to help her today than have

to try to rescue her on some

later day."

—Associated Press.

New York Exchanges

New York, Mar. 12.

American A.C. Sterling 4.02%,

4.02-13/16, 5 Months 4.021%,

4.02-23/32, 1 Year 4.021%,

4.02-25/32, Switzerland Commercial

26.50, 26.57, Switzerland Commercial

26.40, 26.48, 9.1%, Portugal 40.00

4.00, 4.00, 4.00, 4.00, New Zealand 3.24, South Africa 4.03, Britain

East Africa 2.80, offered, India 30.22,

offered, Bhutan 12.00, Argentina 22.77,

(Prev.) 21.58, 24.49, Brazil 5.45, offered,

Bolivia (Official) 2.25, (Prev.) 2.25,

2.25, Chile (Official) 5.16, (Prev.) 5.15,

offered, Mexico 4.00, Colombia 2.00,

offered, Cuba 19.00, Libya 7.50, 7.50,

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Iceland 26.00, 26.65, Peru 15.30, 15.30,

Urania 56.25, 56.10, Venezuela 30.00,

offered, Netherlands West Indies 53.05,

Dutch Guinea 34.83, Montreal on London

4.02, 4.04, Montreal on New York 91.75,

Swiss Bank Notes* 20.00, 27.25, 34.00,

France 2.00%, offered, French Notes 29.00, 32.75,—

Reuter.

INCREASE IN RAW SUGAR PRICE

London, Mar. 12.

It is reported unofficially on

the Commodity Exchange that

the Ministry of Food is increas-

ing the price of raw sugar to

Washington, Mar. 12.

The U.S. Army Force an-

nounced today its newest six-

engine XB-36 super-bomber

had set a world record by lifting

278,000 lb. off the ground at Fort Worth, Texas concluding

14 successful test flights.

At the same time, A.A.F.

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HONG KONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1947.

AN UNPLEASANT MATCH Memorial Cup Game Incidents

(By "Nimrod")

Red-capped Military Police went into action yesterday at Causeway Bay where indignant spectators invaded the pitch and later staged "after-the-match" demonstrations throughout the surrounding area. On paper, one of the most attractive games of the season, the Memorial Cup Final between the Army and the Combined Chinese was rendered a farce by a series of incidents in the second half.

The Army won by three clear-goals but all interest in the result faded away during the last thirty minutes. Controversy centred round the referee, Capt. England, whose decisions rendered him most unpopular amongst the Chinese section of the crowd and who was forced to hold up the game for ten minutes when spectators refused to obey his instructions.

Rarely can it be said with more justice and truth that everyone breathed a sigh of relief when a match ended. If sportsmanship has come to this state in the Colony, then football games should never be played. It is true that the ill-feeling came into the game when the Army had taken the lead but there is no doubt whatsoever that it was not only the Chinese who were to blame.

The Cup was presented after the game by the GOC to Lt. Pemberton, skipper of the Army side, and miniature cups were given to the Army players. Only 12 Chinese players attended the final ceremony and throughout there was a marked tenseness in the atmosphere with intermittent throwings of various articles.

Powell Again

From the first half, no one could have foreseen such a dramatic change that was to come in the final session. It was a well-fought opening half with Powell literally saving the Army time and time again. On the run of the play, the Army could not have begrimed a two-point deficit.

The first serious Army attack concluded with Pemberton leading narrowly over the bar with the gait out of position. Yet, except for an occasional breakaway, the Chinese defence held the Army attack in check and their forwards did everything except score. For the best part of thirty minutes, it was Powell, Powell and Powell. One was left with the impression that the "local Frank Swift" is as big an attraction amongst the Chinese as their own Liang Lai Shiu-wing paved the way for Cheung Kam-hoi to get a view at goal but his shot didn't trouble the fair-haired Army custodian who continued to thwart his opponents by saving from each of the forward line in quick succession that must have given them the impression that they were shooting against a brick wall!

Thrill After Thrill

The Army breathed again as Powell threw himself at the feet of Lai Shiu-wing and watched his clearance strike one of his own colleagues and rebound narrowly wide of an open goal. Thrill followed thrill as the persistent attacks were beaten off and it seemed that under such pressure the Army defence must wilt. A mistake by Dear Iet Chau Man-chi into radius of goal but Powell dived full-length to divert his shot.

The second half opened in real cup-of-spirits with play swinging

Threat Of Soccer Strike

London, Mar. 12.
The Ministry of Labour have agreed to the request of the Players' Union for arbitration on the wages dispute with the Football League. But there is still the threat of a soccer strike.

James Fay, the Union Secretary, says the Ministry gives no date for the arbitration to start.

"I am pressing for a definite date because I understand we may have to queue up before our case goes before the tribunal," he added.

"We have given notice of our intention to strike if arbitration is not in progress by March 21st. The players would wait three or four days longer than that now that arbitration is agreed, but would not stand for an indefinite delay," Fay stated.

He had, he stated, received an assurance from the Ministry that the players' case will be considered as quickly as possible bearing in mind the calls on the Department by other industries.

The plea to the Government to allow evening matches until double-shift working becomes general may be one of the results of the ban on mid-week matches.

"At it may be several weeks before the double-shift work is adopted there seems to be no reason why evening kick-offs should not be allowed," said a professional club manager to-day. "This interim period of playing would avoid a finale in the league tournament."

Meanwhile, Strauss may ask Bettina to earn his way to the title fight by matching the new Cleveland sensation, Ezzard Charles. Bettina, out of the Army after four years of service, won five straight victories, now appear at the peak of his career at 190 lb. Grippo said backers providing \$200,000 are his brother Hollywood producer, Jap Grippo, and the Miami sportsman, Dr. James McCormick, adding that "I never would prevail on my dearest friends to put up such money unless I am convinced that Bettina has a chance."

LAND FORCES XI

The following have been selected to play for Land Forces against R.A.F. at Cox's path, on Sunday, at 11 a.m.

Lieut. Phelps (Capt.), Capt. Saunders, Capt. Gorlay, Capt. Russell, Capt. Cole, Lieut. Sutcliffe, Q.M.S. Andrews, L/Cpl. Wellings, L/Cpl. Tierney, Sigr. Kennedy, Gnr. Tuff.

Will anyone unable to play, please contact Lieut. Phelps, Tel. 3421-Ext. 136, before 12 p.m. today.

Transport will leave Star Ferry, Kowloon at 10.30 a.m.

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Solicitor's Clerk In Witness Box

The hearing of the case against Lo Tse-leung, 36, solicitor's clerk, charged with obtaining \$5,000 by false pretences from Li Fong, on Jan. 27, was resumed before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday.

Mr. F. W. Shatford of the Special Branch conducted the prosecution, while Mr. C. L. Losenby, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam was for the defence.

Defendant was alleged to have obtained \$5,000 from the complainant, by pretending that the money was used to bribe officials of the Import and Export Department to release 100 Mexican gold coins.

Defendants went into the witness box and said that he had been a solicitor's clerk since 1936. In January, Li and another man named Woo visited him at his office, and told him that a consignment of gold had been seized by the Import and Export Department.

He told Li not to worry, and advised Li to claim the gold, and he would prevent the case from going to Court. He was confident the matter

NEW INSTALMENT

Washington, Mar. 13.
The Treasury reported today that Britain had drawn another \$200,000,000 from her \$1,750,000,000 loan. One effect of the withdrawal was to drop the United States Government's operating surplus below the \$1,000,000,000 mark for the first time in weeks.—Associated Press.

Louis' Next Fight

New York, Mar. 12.
A n unprecedented guarantee of \$200,000 will be offered to Joe Louis to defend the world heavyweight title

against left-handed Melio Betting of Beacon, New York, his manager, Jimmy Grippo, announced today.

Louis recently expressed preference for a summer fight should he defend his title against the winner of the London fight between Joe Bakson and Bruce Woodcock. Due to the British Government's ruling against midweek sport, the latter fight has been delayed to mid-April.

Sol. Strauss, acting head of the 20th Century Club in Mike Jacob's absence, said it is now not certain that Louis will defend his title in June and may decide to wait until September "for lack of capable opposition."

"I am not previously aware that these persons were given contracts of service for the duration of the war but I am advised that temporary engagements of this nature must be regarded as having been terminated on Japanese occupation," Reuter.

"It is felt that the expenditure estimate would lack reality unless it took into account the possible effects of the Salaries Commission, which, with the approval of the Secretary of State, is to be appointed in the very near future to review the emoluments of the public service.

"It is generally agreed that these are at present inadequate and it therefore seemed prudent to make some allowance for the cost of the possible recommendations of the Commission.

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United Press.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS RESULTS

The following were yesterday's tennis results:

M. Ma beat K. Lo 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

M. Pagh beat Thomas Lo 6-3, 6-2.

H. D. Runjahn and Barnett Deakin conceded walk-overs to T. F. Chay and Tsui Wal-pui respectively.

The following is today's tennis programme:

J. A. Furrer v. B. Szeto.

Yip Koon-hong v. Lt. Wilson.

Ho Kau-lau v. B. T. McC. Jones.

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Commons Queries On H.K.

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BUDGET INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL

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Agriculture

The increases in taxation

already introduced and the pro-

posals for direct taxation now

to be brought before this Coun-

cil, the effect of which is re-

flected in the Revenue figures,

which resulted in the attainment

of a balance between revenue

and recurrent expenditure.

With the proposed issue of a

loan to finance necessary re-

habilitation expenditure of a

non-recurrent character, we

shall no longer be dependent on

His Majesty's Government in

so far as the future is con-

sidered.

"It is felt that the Other Charged (as op-

posed to Personal Emoluments)

were in 1947/48 calculated on an

eleven-month basis, some reduc-

tion would have been shown.

"I will now touch briefly on

some of the more important items

of expenditure under the various

Departmental Heads.